

New York Aug 31. 1857

Professor Asa Gray

Dear Sir: We have yours of 29th. We understood Mr Bradford's letter to say he had destroyed the transfers but perhaps he only meant they could not be sent to N. Y. We will place the plates in safe custody, & send you receipts. You have in your possession the cuts of the Lepans and we suppose, of the Botanical Text Book. The latter you will need for electrotyping the work: would it not be better to send us the former, and, when you are through with them, the latter also? We have some vault for them, & they would then be together. We will have the transfers of copper made as soon as possible, and send you proof before printing. We shall be glad of your correcting of Manual, & your annotations upon making of cuts of Lepans as soon as practicable. We are entirely out of Lepans.

We have rec'd a letter from Mr Smith, editor Horticulturist, stating that you wrote him that you had sent ^{to us} some cuts to illustrate Lesson 22^d in his Magazine. We have never rec'd them, nor do we remember to have been notified by you that they were to sent. The only cuts rec'd from you were those used in Young Geographer, which were duly returned to you. Mr Smith is very anxious for his cuts, and we daily; if you choose to send, w^d it not be better to send direct to him, rather than re-ship here.

Yours Very Truly
Josiah & Hinney
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